

NDE Bulletin
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ARRA Section 1512 Reports

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The Section 1512 Report data collection will open on March 15, 2010 for this quarter's report (January 1 to March 31). There are no changes from last quarter for the form, the data collected or the instructions. The Section 1512 Reports are due from all agencies that receive ARRA funds by April 10, 2010.

Career Education

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Post School Survey

The Post School Survey template, due June 30, 2010, provides required information on the post graduate activity of Career Education Completers from the 2008-09 school year. The report focuses on the October 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009 period. Verification reports are available within the NSSRS Validation Site providing the list of students expected for submission. The data submission window is currently available and potentially could be completed prior to the demands of other year-end data collections. The template instructions are located at <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/nssrs/Documents.htm>.

Also, in an effort to assist with identifying post school activity, the National Student Clearinghouse, is a **free** resource for all Nebraska schools that matches directory information to identify postsecondary enrollment. To access the resource, a completed agreement form must be sent to the National Student Clearinghouse. The agreement and additional information about the process is located at <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/nce/nsc.htm>. Free access to the National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker database for Nebraska schools is collaboratively funded through NDE, the Coordinating Commission of Postsecondary Education, P-16, and other federal programs.

ARRA Race to the Top Grant Competition

The finalists for Phase I of the Race to the Top applications were announced today. Nebraska was not selected as a finalist for this phase. The states tabbed as finalists today by Secretary of Education Arne Duncan were Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Reminders

ARRA/NCLB Update

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An ARRA/NCLB Update will be telecast on NET SAT Channel 105 (State Channel 04) at 10:00 a.m. (Central) on March 9, 2010. The telecast will be no more than one hour. For

technical assistance contact the NET Help Desk at 800-698-3426. The powerpoint presentation used in the telecast will be posted by Friday morning, March 5th, on the ARRA homepage at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ARRA/index.html> A DVD of the telecast will be sent to all ESUs following the broadcast.

The agenda for this ARRA/NCLB Update includes: planning for 2010-11 for Title I ARRA and NCLB funds, for closing out the 2009-10 applications, the new teacher and principal evaluation survey, AYP for 2009-10, and other updates on ARRA and ESEA.

NSSRS – National Assessment Instrument Reporting

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National Assessment Instrument (NAI/NRT) Collection is Open The National Assessment Instrument (NAI/NRT) results will be collected at a student level for the 2009-2010 school year. Since both STARS and NAI will be utilizing the Assessment Fact template to report data, a separate collection window has been created for the NAI Assessment Fact template collection called “2009-2010 NAI Collection” within NSSRS Data Manager. The “2009-2010 NAI Collection” is only for districts to upload files that contain Assessment Fact template records with National Assessment Instrument (NAI/NRT) results. For additional information about the National Assessment Instrument (NAI/NRT) template instructions, please reference, http://www.nde.state.ne.us/nssrs/docs/ASSESSMENT_FACT_NAI_MANUAL_1_0_1.pdf.

Annual Data Conference

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New Dates set for NDE Data Conference: Due to some major scheduling conflicts, we are changing the dates of the 2010 Data Conference from May 3-4 to May 17-18. The conference will begin on Monday, May 17 at 1:00 PM with a presentation by Commissioner Breed. The conference will wrap up mid afternoon on Tuesday May 18. We are now accepting registrations on the conference website at <http://nedatapartnership.org/> A preliminary agenda will be posted to the conference website in early March.